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ORE TO KANOJO NO MOE YO PEN
Chapter 2
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ED: KOBE
QC: TAKAGE
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Wha...
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IT'S SOFT...
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WHAT'S THIS PLEASANT SENSATION...?
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EEEP?!!
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ファンタジア文庫
「オレと彼女の萌えよペン」
第1巻、好評発売中!!
THE PATH OF THE MOE HOT-BLOODED MANGA!
オレと彼女の萌えよペン
第2話
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OH, RIGHT, I ENDED UP SLEEPING AT HER PLACE, LAST NIGHT...
UUWAAAAH. IKOMA -SENSEI?!
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WAIT... THAT FEELING JUST NOW...
NO... NO BRA...
AND SHE'S MORE BUSTY THAN I THOUGHT WHEN SHE WAS WEARING HER JERSEY...
IT'S A PITY THAT I WAS HALF-ASLEEP.
ERR, WHAT AM I SAYING!
IKOMA -SENSEI, PLEASE WAKE UP.
IF SHE FINDS OUT, I'M DEAD!!
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Uhehe
Z-CUP BREASTS ...
THAT WOULD BE DISURBINGLY HUGE. IKOMA -SENSEI!!!
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BUH?!!
JUST FIVE MORE HOURS...
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HUH... AH, KIMIJIMA?
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UH?
KYA AAA AH?!!

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
YOU DON'T REMEM-BER?!
WE FELL ASLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME...
AH.
YOU PERVERT!! ERO-ASSIST-AAAANT !!!
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'S AN ASSISTANT LIKE YOU D-D-D-DOING TO ME?!
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WH-I... I WAS GOING TO ANYWAY!
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU STANDING AROUND FOR?!
YOUR WORK IS OVER, SO GO HOME ALREADY!!
AAH!
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I REMOVED YOUR PANTS EITHER, SO IF YOU WAKE UP LIKE THAT...
ERR... RIGHT, I HAVE A HABIT OF REMOVING MY PANTS WHEN I GO TO SLEEP...
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WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

THIS IS AWK-WARD
THIS.
A WEEK LATER
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No no!
IT'S JUST A WORK, SO NO PERVERTED THOUGHTS!
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WHAT KIND OF OUTFIT IS THAT?!
...Uh?
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING PERVERTED ASSISTANT!!
HUH?!
LET'S GET TO WORK IMMEDIATELY. WE HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE!
TSK.
I HAD FORGOTTEN THAT I WAS IN PAJAMAS, SINCE I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO CHANGE CLOTHES...
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PAJAMAS...?

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS PROGRESS-ING WELL...
...SO, SHE'S SO SHORT ON TIME THAT SHE CAN'T EVEN GET DRESSED?
OH. COME ON. THE PERSP-ECTIVE OF THE BACKGROUND IS OFF HERE!
REDRAW IT!
AND YOU CAN ADD THAT ONE!
HUH?!
REDRAW THAT TOO!
UH?!
HERE TOO!
HUH?! EVERYTHING?! FROM THE START?!
EEP!

I TOLD YOU WE HAVE NO TIME. DIDN'T I?
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SERIOUSLY YOU'RE WAY TOO SLOW!
AH
SORRY, I'M ALMOST DONE...
HEY, AREN'T YOU FINISHED WITH THAT, YET?
... WELL, AFTER PLAYING THAT GAME TOGETHER I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET ALONG A LITTLE BETTER, BUT..
SHUT UP. WILL YOU! I... I HAVE TONS OF THINGS TO DO!
YOU HAVEN'T MADE THAT MUCH PROGRESS SINCE LAST WEEK EITHER..!
YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT EVEN THOUGH I MAY WORK SLOWLY..
UGH
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD A FULL WEEK!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, TALKING BACK TO YOUR BOSS LIKE THAT...!
THE DEADLINE IS IN ABOUT TWO DAYS. RIGHT?!

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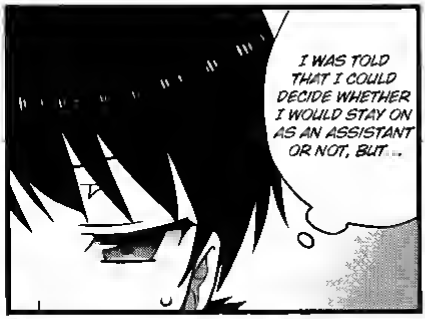
I WAS TOLD THAT I COULD DECIDE WHETHER I WOULD STAY ON AS AN ASSISTANT OR NOT, BUT...

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KIMIJIMA, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO FOR NEXT MONTH?
I NEED YOU TO TELL ME YOUR DECISION SOON

IKOMA-SENSEI'S MOE MANGA AND THE BATTLE MANGA I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW ARE POLAR OPPOSITES IN GENRE.
LEARNING WITH A PRO IS GOOD AND ALL...
EVEN IF I LEARN MORE ABOUT MOE, I WON'T BE OF ANY USE HERE.
BUT WILL IT REALLY HELP ME FOR MY OWN SERIES?

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I'D RATHER NOT WORK WITH AN INCOMPETENT ASSISTANT LIKE YOU, WHO TALKS BACK AND DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MOE ON TOP OF THAT!
IS THAT SO. F-FINE, THEN!
UM... I...
IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU, I THINK I WILL STOP COMING NEXT MONTH...
AN INCOMPETENT ASSISTANT WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MOE...
SO THAT'S WHAT SHE THOUGHT OF ME.
SHE DOESN'T NEED TO BE THIS BLUNT!
I SEE
WELL, SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU!!
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WHERE IS THE MATERIAL FOR SCHOOL BACK-GROUNDS?
... SECOND DRAWER FROM THE TOP.
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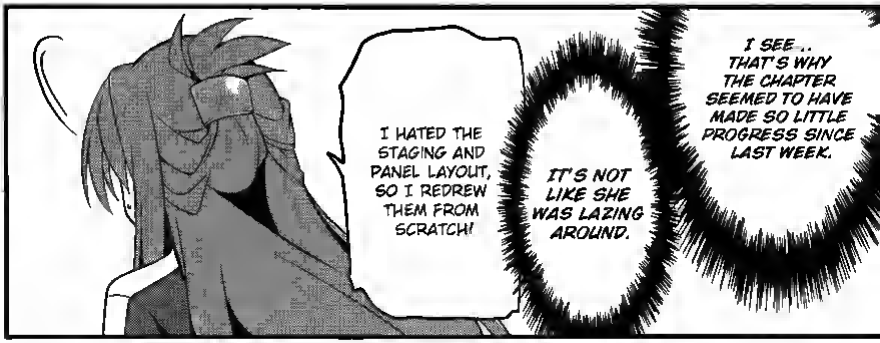
AN UNFINISHED MANU-SCRIPT..?

HEY,
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!
UM... THIS IS THE MANUSCRIPT YOU WERE WORKING ON LAST WEEK, RIGHT?
DOES THAT MEAN YOU DISCARDED THOSE SIX PAGES?
SO... SO WHAT?! CAN'T I DISCARD MY OWN PAGES IF I WANT?!


I SEE... THAT'S WHY THE CHAPTER SEEMED TO HAVE MADE SO LITTLE PROGRESS SINCE LAST WEEK.
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE WAS LAZING AROUND.
I HATED THE STAGING AND PANEL LAYOUT, SO I REDREW THEM FROM SCRATCH!

...! SKETCHES FOR BACKGROUNDS, POSES OR COSTUMES..
TONS OF THEM
I MADE IT SOUND LIKE SHE BARELY DID ANY WORK...
BUT SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A CRAZY HARD-WORKER...

WH... WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN...
DON'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO RECKLESSLY...!
SHE WOULDN'T BE SERIALIZED AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE OTHERWISE.
WELL... THAT'S KIND OF OBVIOUS, REALLY.
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I'LL STILL SUPPORT YOUR MANGA, SO PLEASE DO YOUR BEST.
YOU KNOW, EVEN IF I'M NO LONGER YOUR ASSISTANT...
?
THIS SERIES... WILL BE CANCELLED BEFORE LONG ANYWAY.

HUH?!
THE VOLUME THAT CAME OUT LAST WEEK DIDN'T SELL WELL
SO SAOTOME... I MEAN, MY EDITOR TOLD ME TO WRAP UP THAT STORY WITHIN THE NEXT VOLUME
IF, BY ANY CHANCE, THE FIGURES OF NEXT MONTH'S READER POLL ARE GOOD ENOUGH, IT MIGHT BE SAVED
BUT IF NOT IT WILL BE CANCELLED SO I MUST WRITE THE NEXT 3 CHAPTERS AS IF THEY WERE THE LAST...

ARE... ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?

R... REALLY?!
I DIDN'T KNOW AT ALL...
B... BUT...

HOW COULD I BE?!
I DON'T WANT IT TO END LIKE THAT AT ALL!!
RIGHT NOW THERE ARE TONS OF SERIES WAY SHITTIER THAN MINE IN THE PRETTY DRAGON!!

PERVERTED HAREM SERIES WITH A LOLI PROTAGONIST!
SAOTOME TOLD ME THAT I WOULD GET MORE READERS IF I DREW SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
BUT I HAVE NO RIGHT TO RELEASE SOMETHING THAT I DON'T EVEN FIND INTERESTING MYSELF!

I DON'T WANT TO JUST GO WITH WHAT'S POPULAR!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF DRAWING A MANGA
IF I CAN'T CONVEY THE CHARM OF CHARACTERS I DEEPLY LOVE TO THE READER, IN A STORY I GENUINELY FIND INTERESTING?!

IT'S FINE.
AN ASSISTANT SHOULD DO AS HIS BOSS SAYS.

IKOMA-SENSEI...

YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK, KIMIJIMA
You've been at it for 3 hours
THE BEDROOM IS OVER THERE.
BUT ISN'T THE DEADLINE CLOSE...?

IT'S FOR ME?
For Kimijima

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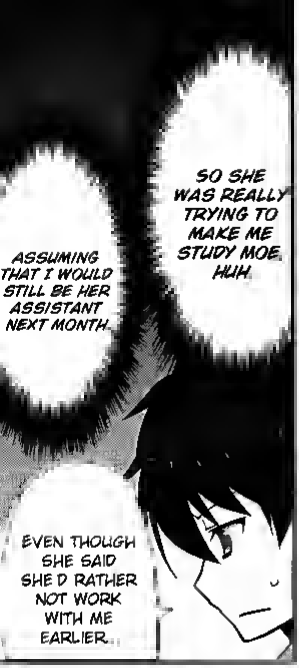
SO SHE WAS REALLY TRYING TO MAKE ME STUDY MOE. HUH.
ASSUMING THAT I WOULD STILL BE HER ASSISTANT NEXT MONTH...
EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID SHE'D RATHER NOT WORK WITH ME EARLIER...

**"MAID SCHOOL PARTY"

**"THERE IS NO WAY MY BIG SISTER CAN BE THIS CUTE!"

AT FIRST I WAS PRETTY SURE IT WAS GOING TO BE A LIGHT-HEARTED ROMCOM WHERE THE PROTAGONIST GETS INTO SOME PERVERTED ANTICS WITH A BIG-BREASTED HEROINE...
BUT HOW WRONG I WAS.
THE PROTAGONIST FALLS IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOUR, A GIRL ABOUT 3 YEARS OLDER.
SHE HAS THE SENSUALITY AND KINDNESS OF AN ADULT, AND AT THE SAME TIME A DISTANT CHARM.
SO HE TRIES WITH ALL HIS MIGHT TO MAKE A MOVE ON HER, BUT EVERY TIME SHE SKILLFULLY EVADES HIM.
"THE BOY I TRULY LOVED DIED FROM A DISEASE.
AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MARRYING ANY OTHER MAN."
DESPITE THAT, THE PROTAGONIST STILL DECIDES
THAT HE WILL MAKE HER OPEN HER HEART.

THERE ARE INDEED FAN-SERVICE AND LIGHT COMEDY SCENES...
AND I SAW ONLY THIS PART WHEN I CAME TO WORK LAST WEEK.
...IT'S GOOD.
THERE ARE A LOT OF VERY HEAVY, SERIOUS AND HONEST LOVE SCENES.
BUT ACTUALLY...

THIS SERIES WILL BE CANCELLED BEFORE LONG ANYWAY.
...
THAT'S AMAZ-ING.
AH!
THE HEROINE CLEARLY HAS A LOT OF CHARM.
TO BE ABLE TO DRAW SOMETHING LIKE THIS EVEN THOUGH SHE'S JUST A FEW YEARS OLDER THAN ME..
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT MISS IKOMA IS REALLY A GENIUS... AND A HARD WORKING ONE AT THAT.

KI... KIMIJIMA?! YOU STILL HAVE 30 MINUTES LEFT IN YOUR BREAK, YOU KNOW...
I DON'T NEED A BREAK!!

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IKOMA SENSEI!!!
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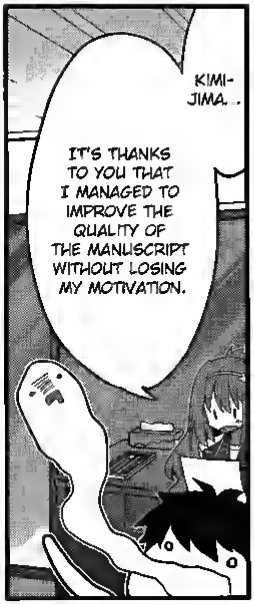
I WANT TO HELP YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN... TO MAKE THIS MANUSCRIPT AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE!!


KIMI-JIMA...
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I MANAGED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE MANUSCRIPT WITHOUT LOSING MY MOTIVATION.

WOW...
THIS MAY BE MY MOST POLISHED MANUSCRIPT TO DATE...

JUST SO YOU KNOW...
WHEN I WAS TALKING ABOUT "NEXT MONTH'S READER POLL"...

NO, IT'S NOTHING...
I WONDER... IF IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO RAISE THE RANK OF THE SERIES IN THE READER POLL, AND PREVENT IT'S CANCELLATION?
UH, DON'T TELL ME THAT'S THE REASON YOU WERE SO PUMPED UP?
WELL, YEAH...

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No...
No way...
SERIOUSLY
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There's no way the manuscript we are writing now could impact them immediately
ITS RESULTS ARE ABOUT THE CHAPTERS THAT WERE RELEASED THREE MONTHS EARLIER.
WHAT?!
HUH ...?
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN RUDE OF ME, BUT DURING MY BREAK I READ YOUR MANGA, AND I LOVED IT.
IF IT'S NOT CANCELLED, WOULD YOU ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE ON AS YOUR ASSISTANT?
...IT'S EASY FOR ME TO SAY THAT.
I WOULDN'T BLAME HER IF SHE REFU
UM...
CAN I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID EARLIER? ABOUT NOT HELPING YOU ANYMORE?
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FINE. I GUESS I'LL MAKE YOU THE EXCLUSIVE ASSISTANT OF THE GREAT IKOMA AGITO!!
EXCLUSIVE?! NO, THAT MUCH IS A BIT...
UH... WHAT KIND OF REACTION IS THAT!
WELL... I ACTUALLY WANTED TO ASSIST OTHER PEOPLE AND LEARN MORE...
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IT... IT HAS TO BE EXCLU-SIVE!!
HAH! I HAVE NO CHOICE. I GUESS!!

NOW THAT YOU'VE ACCEPTED BECOMING MY EXCLUSIVE ASSISTANT, THERE'S A TON OF THINGS THAT YOU'LL HAVE YOU STUDY!
HUM
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UNDER-STOOD...
AH SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.
BEING MY ASSISTANT IS NO CAKEWALK, YOU KNOW!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL HAVE THE FREE TIME TO HELP OTHER MANGAKAS! GET IT?!

WE'LL START AS SOON AS YOU HAVE TAKEN THIS MANUSCRIPT TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE TO COPY IT.
I PREPARED GAMES, NOVELS AND DVDS FOR YOU TO STUDY IN THAT ROOM OVER THERE...
WH-?!
GI... GIVE ME A BREAK, JUST FOR TODAY!!
RIGHT NOW I JUST WANT TO SLEEEEP!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TODAY.
I HAVE...
SOMETHING VERY IMPORT-ANT TO TALK ABOUT.
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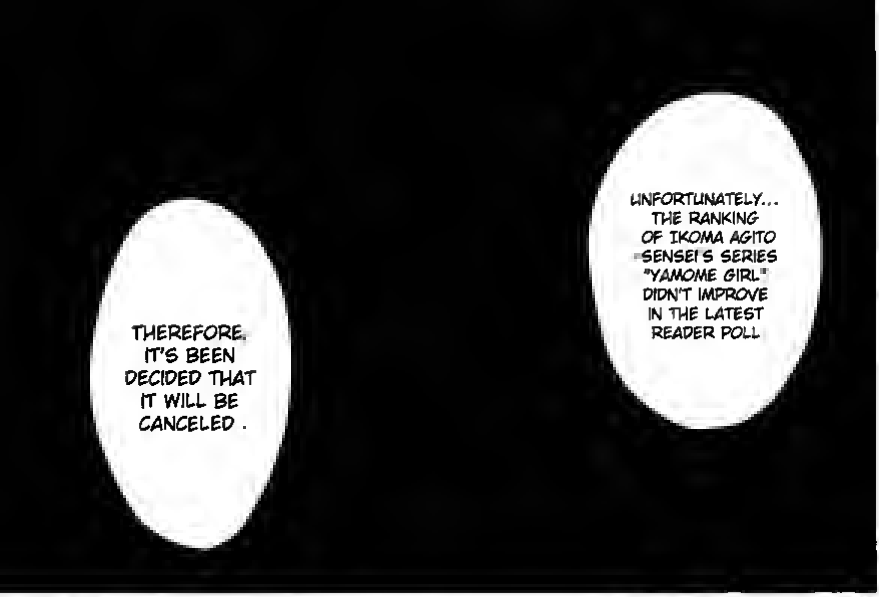
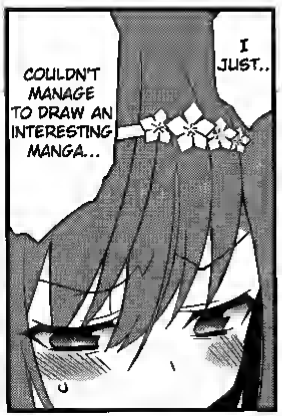
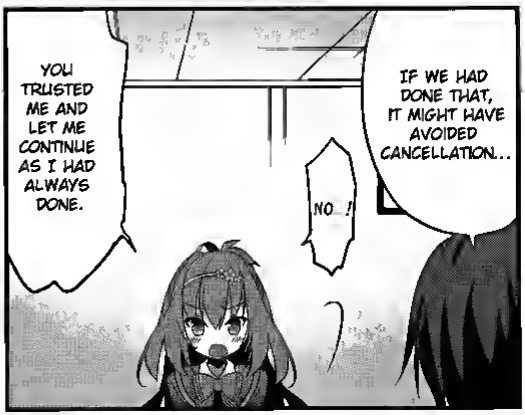

UNFORTUNATELY... THE RANKING OF IKOMA AGITO-SENSEI'S SERIES "YAMOME GIRL" DIDN'T IMPROVE IN THE LATEST READER POLL
THEREFORE, IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT IT WILL BE CANCELED.

Ah...
I...
I knew
I was...
Prepared for it anyway...

...?!
NO... NO WAY...

WHILE IT WASN'T EXTREMELY POPULAR, IT DID HAVE SOME FOLLOWING, SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OKAY TO KEEP IT GOING IN IT'S CURRENT DIRECTION
BUT I MUST APOLOGIZE. MY APPROACH WAS TOO
TO INCREASE ITS POPULARITY, IT WOULD HAVE REALLY NEEDED A CHANGE OF DIRECTION OR SOME CONSOLIDATION.


I JUST..
COULDN'T MANAGE TO DRAW AN INTERESTING MANGA...


IF WE HAD DONE THAT, IT MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED CANCELLATION...
NO !
YOU TRUSTED ME AND LET ME CONTINUE AS I HAD ALWAYS DONE.

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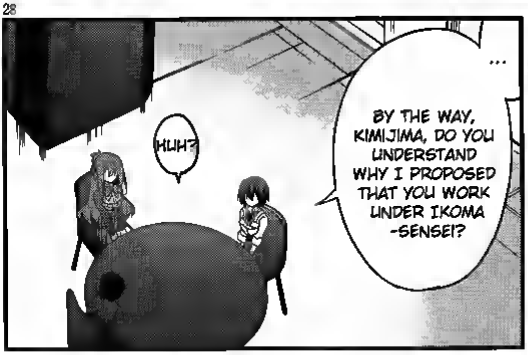

...
BY THE WAY, KIMIJIMA, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I PROPOSED THAT YOU WORK UNDER IKOMA -SENSEI?
HUH?

WHAT YOU LACK THE MOST ...
IS A PASSION TOWARDS YOUR WORK.
THE WILL TO CONVEY WHAT YOU WANT TO SHOW TO THE READER...
SHE IS OVERFLOWING WITH IT.
BY WORKING AS HER ASSISTANT, I WANTED YOU TO LEARN THAT.
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
NOW, IKOMA-SENSEI.
I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, SO I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW.
BUT NO MATTER HOW INTERESTING IT MAY BE, YOUR WORK RUNS AGAINST CURRENT TRENDS.

SINCE YOUR SERIES ARE PROFESSIONALLY PUBLISHED, IF YOU WANT TO AVOID CANCELLATION NEXT TIME...
YOU'LL HAVE TO APPEAL TO A LARGER READERSHIP.
OF COURSE, I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO DRAW SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT ACCEPT YOURSELF.
I'M TALKING ABOUT A WORK THAT YOU LIKE, YET CAN ALSO BE LOVED BY MANY DIFFERENT READERS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
Y... YEAH!
I DON'T WANT TO BE CANCELLED AGAIN!
THEN THAT'S FINE.
BY THE WAY, I TOOK A LOOK AT THE MANUSCRIPT ON WHICH KIMIJIMA HELPED YOU.
IT WAS SURPRISINGLY POLISHED.
I DARESAY IT'S THE BEST MANUSCRIPT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YET.

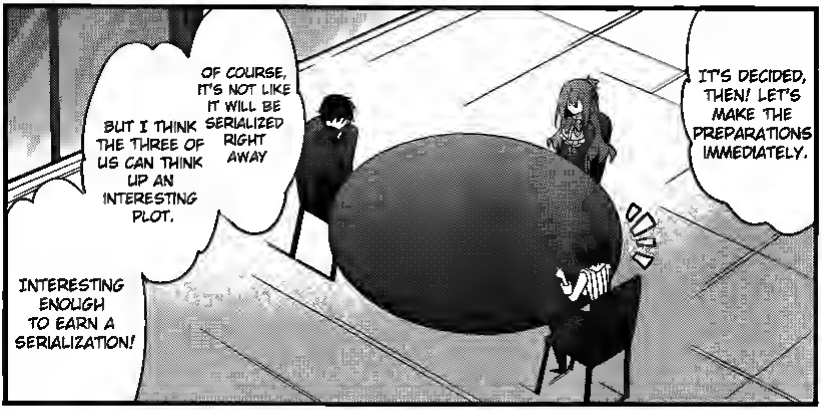
SEEING THAT, AN IDEA CAME TO ME.
WHY DON'T YOU TWO DRAW A MANGA TOGETHER?
HUH?

KIMIJIMA WANTS TO DRAW A BATTLE MANGA...
AND IKOMA-SENSEI WANTS TO DRAW A ROM COM...
BUT ONE FOCUSED ON THE STORY RATHER THAN ON A SIMPLE HAREM.
WHY NOT TRY WRITING A MANGA THAT WOULD COMBINE THOSE TWO STRONG POINTS.
THERE AREN'T MANY OF THOSE IN THE PRETTY DRAGON, SO IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.
AND IT HAS A STRONG APPEAL DUE TO BEING MORE HECTIC THAN A CLASSICAL ROM COM.
I SUPPOSE WE COULD CALL IT A "ROMANTIC BATTLE MANGA".
BY COMBINING YOUR STRENGTHS, I'M SURE YOU CAN WRITE A MORE CATCHY AND AMBITIOUS SERIES!
IF IT GOES WELL, WE COULD MAKE A KILLING!

I
I WANT TO GIVE IT A TRY!
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO HASN'T EVEN DEBUTED YET, IT SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM
AND IF IT'S TOGETHER WITH IKOMA -SENSEI, I REALLY WANT TO DRAW IT!!
KIMI-JIMA...

AH... BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T WANT TO TEAM UP WITH A BEGINNER LIKE ME...
I...
ACTUALLY...
I WANNA TRY IT TOO!

I WANT TO DRAW A SERIES THAT I WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE PEOPLE READ!
IT'S STILL AN UNEXPLORED TERRITORY, BUT I WANT TO CHALLENGE IT!
A ROMANTIC BATTLE MANGA..
I'VE NEVER DRAWN A BATTLE MANGA, BUT I LIKE READING THEM, YOU KNOW!
REALLY?!


INTERESTING ENOUGH TO EARN A SERIALIZATION!
BUT I THINK THE THREE OF US CAN THINK UP AN INTERESTING PLOT.
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE IT WILL BE SERIALIZED RIGHT AWAY
IT'S DECIDED, THEN! LET'S MAKE THE PREPARATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

WRITE A MANGA TOGETHER WITH IKOMA-SENSE!!!
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ONCE AGAIN, I CAN...
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AH RIGHT.
NOW THAT YOU ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING, HOW ABOUT YOU STOP SPEAKING TO IKOMA-SENSEI SO FORMALLY, KIMIJIMA?
YOU'RE THE SAME AGE, AFTER ALL.
THE SAME AGE?!
HAH.
IF YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ME, YOU'D BETTER NOT BE A BURDEN, OR ELSE I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.
WHAT THE?! YOU KEPT GETTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE SAME AGE?!
OF COURSE I WOULD, AS A MANGAKA I'M STILL YOUR ELDER!!
Oh my
GRR...

I GUESS I'LL REINTRODUCE MYSELF... MY NAME IS IKOMA MATSURI.
LET'S DO OUR BEST TOGETHER FROM NOW ON.
KIMIJIMA.
YES...
LET'S DO OUR BEST.